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REMARKS

The undersigned requests a personal interview with the Examiner in charge of this application to discuss the issues raised in the following remarks.

The specification was objected to because of a typographical error which has been corrected.

Claims 2, 32 and 12 were objected to for a number of informalities. These have all been corrected.

Claims 9, 10, 15, 20 and 21 were rejected as being indefinite. Appropriate corrections have been made.

Claims 1-10 and 15-21 were rejected as being anticipated by Razavi (6,253,122).

Claims 1-10, 15, 16 and 18-21 were rejected as being anticipated by Becket (6,009,363).

Claims 1-10 and 15-21 were rejected as being anticipated by Treyz (6,526,335).

Claims 11, 12 and 14 were rejected as being unpatentable over any one of the above references in view of Opel (5,555,502) and St. Pierre (6,418,362).

Claim 14 was rejected as being unpatentable over any one of the previous primary references in view of Prince (6,611,250).

It is noted that claim 13, depending from claim 1, which adds details of the foot pedal mouse, was not rejected and may be allowed.

Each of Razavi, Becket and Treyz discloses a computer system for use in a vehicle. All of these references are entirely schematic, that is, there is no disclosure of how the system mechanically fits into the vehicle.

Opel has control apparatus for a vehicle and was cited for the use of a keyboard-like structure on the steering wheel.

St. Pierre was cited for the use of cursor control and selection buttons arranged along the perimeter of the steering wheel.

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Prince was cited for the foot operated mouse.

In view of the excellent art cited, claim 1 has been amended to recite the computer console mounted between the driver and passenger seats, the keyboard mounted on the steering wheel, and a display screen on the dashboard for selectively displaying all gauges associated with a motor vehicle, each gauge being in an independent data field and the display screen displaying command options for navigating and controlling peripheral devices in the vehicle. It is believed that this combination is not taught or suggested in any of the art noted above, either singly or in any combination.

As noted above, depending claim 13 adds the foot pedal mouse and the manner by which the mouse functions. This mouse functions differently from the mouse disclosed in Prince.

Depending claim 14 adds the trackball located on a front of the steering wheel and the action button for the trackball on the underside of the steering wheel. This feature is not found in any of the above references.

Claims 4-5 and 11 have been canceled.

The remaining dependent claims add specific additional details of the invention and should be allowed along with the parent and successive dependent claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is urged that the claims are now drawn to subject matter which significantly departs from the prior art of record and should be allowed.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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